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INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELD OF INFORMATICS

Report of the First (Economic) Committee

1. The First (Economic) Committee considered the question of international co-operation in the field of informatics (agenda item 8) at its 7th, 8th and 10th meetings, on 17, 18 and 23 July 1990. It had before it the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report on international co-operation in the field of informatics, prepared by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in consultation with the International Telecommunication Union and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (E/1990/86).

2. At its 7th and 8th meetings, the Committee held a general discussion on the item. At the 7th meeting, on 17 July, the Director of Informatics of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization made an introductory statement.

3. At the same meeting, a statement was made by the observer for Bolivia on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77.

4. At the 8th meeting, on 18 July, statements were made by the representatives of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Tunisia, China, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Rwanda.

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International co-operation in the field of informatics

5. At the 8th meeting, on 18 July the observer for Bolivia, 1/ on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77, introduced a draft resolution (E/1990/L.34) entitled "International co-operation in the field of informatics".

6. At the 10th meeting, on 23 July, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Ms. A. Missouri Sherman-Peter (Bahamas), informed the Committee that, during informal consultations, it had been agreed to revise the draft resolution as follows:

(a) The fifth preambular paragraph, which read:

"Considering also the present inequality and the ever-widening gap between the developed and the developing countries in the level of development of informatics",

was replaced by the following text:

"Considering also the existing disparities in the level of development of informatics between the developed and the developing countries";

(b) In operative paragraph 1, the phrase "through the Intergovernmental Programme for Informatics" was inserted after the words "the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization", and the words "continue their efforts to increase the span of their activities" were replaced by the words "continue to increase their efforts and activities";

(c) A new operative paragraph was inserted after operative paragraph 1, reading:

"Invites the above-mentioned organizations to consider including in their respective work programmes a priority subprogramme on international co-operation in the field of informatics, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure effective co-ordination through existing co-ordination mechanisms";

(d) Operative paragraph 3 was deleted; it read:

"3. Recommends the inclusion of a priority subprogramme in international co-operation in the field of informatics in the medium-term plan of the United Nations for the period 1992-1997";

(e) In operative paragraph 4, the words "to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session" were replaced by the words "to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1991";

1/ In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

(f) Operative paragraph 5 was deleted; it read:

"5. Recommends the inclusion of the question in the agenda of the forty-fifth session of the General Assembly and in the agenda of the eighteenth session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations".

7. Also at the 10th meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution E/1990/L.34, as revised (see para. 9 below).

8. Before the draft resolution was adopted, the observer for Bolivia made a statement on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIRST (ECONOMIC) COMMITTEE

9. The First (Economic) Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

International co-operation in the field of informatics

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its decision 1989/179 of 27 July 1989 and decision 7.1 adopted by the Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its one hundred and thirty-first session, 2/

Taking note of the report on international co-operation in the field of informatics, prepared by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in consultation with the International Telecommunication Union and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, 3/

Recognizing that the development of informatics is necessary and vital for the development of the individual and of society,

Considering the importance of the development of informatics as a key area of scientific and technological progress and cognizant of the importance of informatics in the development of all countries,

Considering also the existing disparities in the level of development of informatics between the developed and the developing countries,

Recognizing, therefore, the need for international co-operation in this field,

1. Recommends that international organizations, in particular the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, through the Intergovernmental Programme for Informatics, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the International Telecommunication Union, continue to increase their efforts and activities in the field of informatics;

2/ E/1989/L.28, annex.

3/ E/1990/86, annex.

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2. Invites the above-mentioned organizations to consider including in their respective work programmes a priority subprogramme on international co-operation in the field of informatics, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure effective co-ordination through existing co-ordination mechanisms;

3. Calls upon Member States to encourage and promote activities to expand the endogenous skills of their population in the field of informatics;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare a report on all aspects of international co-operation in the field of informatics and the impact of informatics on the economic growth and development of the developing countries, including concrete recommendations for intensifying and strengthening international co-operation in this field in the context of the revitalization of economic growth and development of the developing countries, for submission to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1991.

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DISASTER REDUCTION AND RELIEF

Report of the Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee

1. The third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee considered the question of disaster reduction and relief (agenda item 13) at its 1st to 3rd, 8th, 10th, 11th, 13th and 15th meetings, on 11 and 12 and from 17 to 20 July 1990. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator (A/45/271-E/1990/78);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on the implementation of the international strategy for the fight against locust and grasshopper infestation, particularly in Africa (E/1990/59).

2. At its 1st to 3rd meetings, the Committee held a general discussion on the item. At the 1st meeting, on 11 July, the Committee heard introductory statements by the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator and by the Director of the Division of Plant Production and Protection of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

3. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Italy (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community), the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Finland (on behalf of the Nordic Countries), the United States of America, Thailand and the Islamic Republic of Iran and the observer for Austria.

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4. At the 2nd meeting, on 11 July, statements were made by the representatives of Czechoslovakia and China and the observer for the Syrian Arab Republic. The representative of the United Nations Development Programme also made a statement.

5. At the 3rd meeting, on 12 July, statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Brazil, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Tunisia (on behalf also of the observer of Mauritania) and Pakistan and the observers for Bangladesh and Morocco.

6. At the same meeting, the representative of the World Meteorological Organization also made a statement. The United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator made a concluding statement.

Fight against the screw-worm infestation

7. At the 8th meeting, on 17 July, the observer for Bolivia, 1/ on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77, introduced a draft resolution (E/1990/C.3/L.2) entitled "Fight against the screw-worm infestation".

8. At the 13th meeting, on 19 July, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Adian Silalahi (Indonesia), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on the draft resolution.

9. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution (see para. 22 below, draft resolution I).

10. After the draft resolution was adopted, the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland made a statement.

International Strategy for the fight against locust and grasshopper infestation, particularly in Africa

11. At the 8th meeting, on 17 July, the observer for Mauritania 1/ introduced a draft resolution (E/1990/C.3/L.6) entitled "International strategy for the fight against locust and grasshopper infestation, particularly in Africa".

12. At the 13th meeting, on 19 July, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Silalahi (Indonesia), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on the draft resolution.

13. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution (see para. 22 below, draft resolution II).

14. Before the draft resolution was adopted, the representative of Sweden made a statement.

15. The Secretary of the Committee also made a statement.

1/ In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

Assistance in cases of natural disasters and other disaster situations: Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator

16. At the 10th meeting, on 18 July, the observer for Bolivia, 1/ on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77, introduced a draft resolution (E/1990/C.3/L.7) entitled "Assistance in cases of natural disasters and other disaster situations: Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator".

17. At the 15th meeting, on 20 July, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Silalahi (Indonesia), on the basis of informal consultations, orally revised the draft resolution as follows:

(a) In the first preambular paragraph, the words "on the strengthening of the Office" were replaced by the words "related to the Office";

(b) In the second preambular paragraph the words "and recognized the need to provide" after the words "International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction" were replaced by the words "and, inter alia, requested the Secretary-General, in paragraph 5 of the annex to the resolution, to provide"; at the end of the paragraph, the words "within the framework of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction" were deleted;

(c) The fifth preambular paragraph, which read:

> "Recognizing also the importance of the contribution of the International Committee of the Red Cross, the League of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and other voluntary organizations",

was deleted;

(d) After operative paragraph 3, a new operative paragraph was inserted, reading:

> "4. Affirms the need for the Secretariat of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction to work in association with the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator in accordance with the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution 44/236";

(e) In operative paragraph 4 (para. 5 of the final text) the words "Notes with interest" were replaced by the word "Encourages";

(f) Operative paragraph 6, which read:

> "6. Encourages the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator to consider the establishment of regional centres for disaster management to help developing countries to bolster their efforts, and enhance regional co-operation, on matters related to disasters, as well as the creation, if necessary, of additional depots to stock relief materials in order to respond more positively and efficiently to needs arising from various disaster situations";

was deleted;

(g) Operative paragraph 8, which read:

"8. Calls upon the international donor community to respond generously to the needs of disaster-stricken and disaster-prone countries and in particular to appeals by the Secretary-General, by making voluntary contributions to be channelled directly, or through the United Nations Trust Funds for Disaster Relief and Technical Co-operation Activities;"

was replaced by the following text:

"8. Appeals to Governments to make urgent voluntary contributions, directly or channelled through the Trust Fund of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, to enable the Office to cover the contingency expenses in connection with disaster relief operations;"

(h) In operative paragraph 9, the words "Also calls upon the international donor community" were replaced by the words "Appeals further to Governments, inter-governmental organizations and non-governmental organizations".

18. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as revised (see para. 22 below, draft resolution III).

Special disaster relief assistance to the Islamic Republic of Iran

19. At the 11th meeting, on 18 July, the Chairman of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations, introduced a draft resolution (E/1990/C.3/L.8) entitled "Special disaster relief assistance to the Islamic Republic of Iran".

20. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution (see para. 22 below, draft resolution IV).

21. After the draft resolution was adopted, the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Pakistan made statements.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE THIRD (PROGRAMME AND CO-ORDINATION) COMMITTEE

22. The Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Fight against the screw-worm infestation

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting with alarm that the screw-worm fly has been introduced into North Africa and is now established, thereby posing a potential threat to people, livestock and wildlife in Africa, the mediterranean parts of Europe and the Near East,

Recognizing the potentially devastating effects of the screw-worm infestation on people, domestic livestock and wildlife and the adverse socio-economic consequences thereof,

Noting that the resources and technology needed for eradication are not currently available in the infested region and that concerted efforts at national, subregional, regional and global levels will be required,

1. Expresses appreciation to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Development Programme and the International Atomic Energy Agency for the support and technical assistance extended and for the surveillance, control and prevention efforts that have helped to contain the present infestation and prevented its introduction into surrounding areas;

2. Welcomes the establishment by the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations of the Screw-worm Emergency Centre for North Africa, which will co-ordinate an eradication campaign among donors, affected countries and regional and other international organizations;

3. Urges the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to strengthen its co-ordination mechanisms and its technical and field operation support to countries for such a campaign aimed at eliminating the screw-worm from North Africa, the mediterranean parts of Europe and the Near East, through use of the Sterile Insect Technique, which is the only technique available and proved for the purpose;

4. Encourages funding agencies, such as the United Nations Development Programme and the International Fund for Agricultural Development, and the donor community to support an eradication programme;

5. Invites the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to submit to the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session of 1991, an up-to-date report on the screw-worm infestation and efforts undertaken to eradicate it.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

International strategy for the fight against locust and grasshopper infestation, particularly in Africa

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 41/185 of 8 December 1986 and 43/203 of 20 December 1988 and General Assembly decision 44/438 of 19 December 1989, in which the Assembly endorsed Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/98 of 26 July 1989,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 44/236 of 22 December 1989, by which the Assembly proclaimed the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction and aware that the Decade covers locust and grasshopper infestation,

Noting with satisfaction the general desert locust situation reported by the Emergency Centre for Locust Operations of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, which shows that only small populations of the desert locust were present in Africa and the Near East,

Conscious of the need for the continuation of short-term, medium-term and long-term efforts if desert locust and grasshopper infestations are to be contained both today and in the future,

1. Welcomes the note by the Secretary-General containing the report of the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on the implementation of the international strategy for the fight against locust and grasshopper infestation, particularly in Africa; 2/

2. Expresses its appreciation to the international community for the assistance provided to affected countries and calls for continued support for the short-term, medium-term and long-term efforts required to combat locusts and grasshoppers;

3. Notes with satisfaction the considerable progress made in initiating research aimed at finding new and environmentally acceptable approaches to locust control, in particular the joint research project of the United Nations Development Programme and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on the development of environmentally acceptable strategies for desert locust control, the Desert Locust Research and Development Register prepared by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the pesticide testing and vetting scheme developed by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and a joint donor research programme on the development of bio-pesticides;

4. Calls upon the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to assist the countries concerned in strengthening their preventive control capabilities for desert locust control by ensuring that technically appropriate programmes are developed that are complementary to and integrated with those of regional bodies;

5. Requests the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, over the short and medium term, to reinforce existing structures and current technologies, including early warning systems such as ARTEMIS (Africa Real Time Environmental Monitoring using Imaging Satellites), which contribute to preventive control;

6. Requests the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to submit to the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session of 1991, an up-to-date report on the implementation of the international strategy for the fight against locust and grasshopper infestation, particularly in Africa.

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DRAFT RESOLUTION III

Assistance in cases of natural disasters and other disaster situations: Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971, 3243 (XXIX) of 29 November 1974, 36/225 of 17 December 1981, 38/202 of 20 December 1983 and other relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council related to the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 44/236 of 22 December 1989, by which the Assembly proclaimed the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction and, inter alia, requested the Secretary-General, in paragraph 5 of the annex to the resolution, to provide the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator with adequate means to enable it to discharge its specific responsibilities and functions in disaster prevention and preparedness, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2816 (XXVI),

Deeply concerned about the additional economic burden placed on the developing countries by the increasing number of natural disasters and other disaster situations and in overcoming the long-term consequences of those disasters,

Recognizing the contribution made by the United Nations system to relieve the suffering of the victims and to provide humanitarian relief in natural disasters and other disaster situations,

Noting with appreciation the effective response of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator to recent major disasters,

Expressing appreciation for the contribution made by the donor community, including Governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, in supporting international relief operations,

Recognizing that the shortage of resources has been one of the major constraints on the response of the United Nations to disaster situations and that continued efforts will be required from the international community to provide both funds and assistance in kind to ensure such an effective response by the United Nations to disaster situations,

Reaffirming that the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator is, within the United Nations system, the focal point for disaster matters and therefore should be provided by the donor community, the United Nations and the other organizations of the United Nations system with the support necessary for it to discharge its responsibilities in the area of disaster relief and mitigation,

Reaffirming also that the primary responsibility for the administration of disaster relief operations and for disaster preparedness lies with the Governments of the affected countries and recognizing that available resources and efforts are being devoted by the Governments of those countries towards the alleviation of disaster-related problems,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator 3/ and of the statement made by the Co-ordinator before the Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee of the Economic and Social Council on 11 July 1990;

2. Reaffirms the mandate of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, established by the General Assembly in resolution 2816 (XXVI) as the focal point in the United Nations system for matters related to disaster relief and disaster mitigation;

3. Welcomes the close co-operation between the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator and the United Nations Development Programme with regard to disaster management;

4. Affirms the need for the secretariat of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction to work in close association with the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, in accordance with the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution 44/236;

5. Encourages the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator in its efforts to strengthen further its co-operation with the non-governmental organizations, as well as with the governmental emergency relief services;

6. Notes with satisfaction the efforts made by the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator in strengthening its information systems and the exploration into the use of new telecommunication technology for disaster mitigation and relief efforts;

7. Emphasizes the essential need for the work of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator to be placed and kept on a sound financial basis and appeals to Governments for voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund for the Strengthening of the Office to enable it to cover expenses in connection with increasing disaster relief operations and disaster mitigation assistance;

8. Appeals to Governments to make urgent voluntary contributions, directly or channelled through the Trust Fund of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, to enable the Office to cover the contingency expenses in connection with disaster relief operations;

3/ A/45/271-E/1990/78.

9. Appeals further to Governments, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to contribute to the Trust Fund for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction in order to enhance the capacity of implementing planned programmes and activities;

10. Requests the Secretary-General to provide the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator with the support necessary for it to discharge its mandate and to continue to respond to the increasing requests from developing countries for relief and technical assistance;

11. Also requests the Secretary-General to include information on the implementation of the present resolution in his next biennial report on the Office, to be submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1992.

DRAFT RESOLUTION IV

Special disaster relief assistance to the Islamic Republic of Iran

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 44/242 of 28 June 1990 on emergency assistance to the Islamic Republic of Iran,

Recalling also General Assembly resolutions 42/169 of 11 December 1987 on the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, in which the Assembly recognized the importance of reducing the impact of natural disasters for all people, and in particular for developing countries, and 44/236 of 22 December 1989, by which the Assembly proclaimed the beginning of the Decade in 1990,

Recalling further General Assembly resolutions concerning assistance in cases of natural disasters and other emergencies, in particular resolution 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971, by which the Assembly established the office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator,

Having heard the statement made by the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator and Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Emergency in Northern Iran before the Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee on 11 July 1990 on his mission to the Islamic Republic of Iran,

Deeply touched by the large number of casualties and homeless and the extent of devastation caused by the earthquake,

Aware of the remarkable efforts of the Government and people of the Islamic Republic of Iran to save lives and alleviate the suffering of the victims of the earthquake,

Aware also of the enormous efforts required for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the affected areas, as well as the importance of international co-operation in this regard,

Noting with appreciation the prompt response of Governments, the United Nations system, voluntary organizations and individuals in providing emergency relief assistance to the victims of the earthquake,

1. Expresses its solidarity with and support for the Government and people of the Islamic Republic of Iran in this tragic situation;

2. Expresses its gratitude to the States, international organizations and agencies which provided or are providing relief assistance;

3. Commends the prompt decision of the Secretary-General in appointing a Special Representative for the Emergency in Northern Iran and expresses appreciation for his efforts in mobilizing and co-ordinating international assistance;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to intensify his endeavours to mobilize every possible assistance to help the Government and people of the Islamic Republic of Iran in their efforts towards the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the stricken areas;

5. Appeals to all Governments, specialized agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, as well as to voluntary organizations, to provide the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran with all possible assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the stricken areas;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to include in his report to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session an assessment of the damage and the requirements for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the affected areas.

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SPECIAL ECONOMIC AND HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

Report of the Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee

1. The Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee considered the question of special economic and humanitarian assistance (agenda item 14) at its 1st to 3rd, 8th, 10th, 13th and 15th meetings, on 11 and 12 and from 17 to 20 July 1990. It had before it the note by the Secretariat transmitting resolution WHA 42.15, entitled "Damage caused by torrential rain and flooding in Democratic Yemen and Djibouti", adopted by the forty-second World Health Assembly on 17 May 1989 (E/1990/L.13).

2. At its 1st to 3rd meetings, the Committee held a general discussion on the item.

3. At the 1st meeting, on 11 July, the Committee heard an oral report on progress in the second phase of Operation Lifeline Sudan, made by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Emergency and Relief Operations in the Sudan.

4. At the same meeting, the representative of the World Health Organization made a statement.

5. At the 2nd meeting, on 11 July, the Committee heard statements by the Deputy United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and by the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator.

6. At the same meeting, the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics made a statement.

7. At the 3rd meeting, on 12 July, statements were made by the representative of Mexico and the observers for Yemen, Lebanon and the Sudan.

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Assistance to the Republic of Yemen

8. At the 8th meeting, on 17 July, the observer for Egypt, on behalf of Bahrain, Egypt, 1/ Jordan, Lebanon, 1/ the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mauritania, 1/ Morocco, 1/ Qatar, 1/ Saudi Arabia, Somalia, 1/ the Syrian Arab Republic, 1/ Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates 1/ and Yemen, 1/ introduced a draft resolution (E/1990/C.3/L.3) entitled "Assistance to the Republic of Yemen".

9. At the 13th meeting, on 19 July, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Oldrich Hrachovina (Czechoslovakia), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on the draft resolution.

10. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution (see para. 19 below, draft resolution I).

Assistance for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon

11. At the 10th meeting, on 18 July, the representative of France, on behalf of Algeria, Bahrain, Bolivia, 1/ Brazil, Egypt, 1/ France, Greece, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Lebanon, 1/ Malaysia, 1/ Morocco, 1/ Qatar, 1/ Saudi Arabia, Somalia, 1/ Spain, 1/ the Syrian Arab Republic, 1/ Tunisia, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Yemen 1/ and Yugoslavia, introduced a draft resolution (E/1990/C.3/L.4) entitled "Assistance for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon".

12. At the 13th meeting, on 19 July, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Hrachovina (Czechoslovakia) informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on the draft resolution.

13. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution (see para. 19 below, draft resolution II).

Operation Lifeline Sudan

14. At the 8th meeting, on 17 July, the observer for Bolivia, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and Turkey, 1/ introduced a draft resolution (E/1990/C.3/L.5) entitled "Operation Lifeline Sudan".

15. At the 15th meeting, on 20 July, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Hrachovina (Czechoslovakia), on the basis of informal consultations, orally revised the draft resolution as follows:

(a) In operative paragraph 1, the words "and the people" were inserted after the words "assistance to the Government";

1/ In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

(b) After operative paragraph 2, a new operative paragraph was inserted, reading:

"3. Requests the Secretary-General, in close co-operation with the Government of the Sudan, to continue to co-ordinate the efforts of the United Nations system to help the Sudan in its emergency, rehabilitation and reconstruction programmes, to mobilize resources for the implementation of those programmes and to keep the international community informed of the needs of that country".

16. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised (see para. 19 below, draft resolution III).

17. The representative of Italy (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community) and the observer for the Sudan made statements before and after the draft resolution was adopted. The representative of Canada made a statement after it was adopted.

Damage caused by torrential rain and flooding in Democratic Yemen and Djibouti

18. At the 15th meeting, on 20 July, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the Council that it take note of the note by the Secretariat on the damage caused by torrential rain and flooding in Democratic Yemen and Djibouti (E/1990/L.13) (see para. 20 below, draft decision).

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE THIRD (PROGRAMME AND CO-ORDINATION) COMMITTEE

19. The Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Assistance to the Republic of Yemen

The Economic and Social Council,

Welcoming the establishment of the Republic of Yemen and bearing in mind the considerable burden involved in the reconstruction of its economic and social institutions, including health, educational and vocational institutions in the two former States,

Taking into account the fact that the Republic of Yemen, as one of the least developed countries, is unable to shoulder the burden of its reconstruction and rehabilitation programmes, in spite of the endeavours that are being made by its Government,

Taking into account the requirements to enable the Republic of Yemen to rebuild the country's infrastructure, particularly roads, health centres, schools, water and electricity supply lines, communication networks and other public services, and to reconstruct the villages and reclaim the thousands of hectares of cultivated land that were totally destroyed or swept away during the floods in April 1989,

Noting with appreciation the support provided by various States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations for emergency relief operations,

Recalling the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly in 1982 concerning assistance to the two former Governments in Yemen, as well as Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/1 of 10 May 1989, resolution 176 (XV) of 18 May 1989, adopted by the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia at its fifteenth session, 2/ decision 89/37 of 30 June 1989, adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its thirty-sixth session, 3/ and resolution WHA 42.15 of 17 May 1989, adopted by the World Health Assembly at its forty-second session,

Noting the study prepared by the World Bank concerning the requirements for the rehabilitation of the infrastructure that was destroyed by the floods in the country,

1. Calls upon all States to contribute generously and respond effectively to the country's reconstruction and rehabilitation needs;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to co-ordinate the efforts made by the organizations and specialized agencies of the United Nations to assist the Republic of Yemen to mobilize resources for the implementation of its special reconstruction and rehabilitation programmes and to apprise the Council of their efforts at its second regular session of 1991;

3. Also requests the Secretary-General to include in his report for submission to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session, the Council's request for ongoing support for the reconstruction and rehabilitation process in the Republic of Yemen.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Assistance for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon

The Economic and Social Council,

Referring to General Assembly resolution 44/180 of 19 December 1989 and previous General Assembly resolutions concerning international assistance for the reconstruction of Lebanon, in which the Assembly requested the specialized agencies and other organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to expand and intensify their programmes of assistance in response to the needs of Lebanon,

Aware of the deterioriating socio-economic conditions of the Lebanese people and the magnitude of their unmet needs,

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2/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1989, Supplement No. 17 (E/1989/36), chap. III.

3/ Ibid., Supplement No. 13 (E/1989/32), part three, annex I.

Noting with great concern the unprecedented inflation in Lebanon during the past five years and the catastrophic erosion of the value of the Lebanese currency,

Appeals to all Member States and all the organizations of the United Nations system to continue and intensify their efforts to mobilize all possible assistance to the Government of Lebanon in its efforts for reconstruction and development, in accordance with the relevant resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council.

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

Operation Lifeline Sudan

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 43/8 of 18 October 1988, 43/52 of 6 December 1988 and 44/12 of 24 October 1989 on assistance to the Sudan,

Noting with deep concern the continuing negative impact of persistent natural disasters and civil strife in the Sudan, which have resulted in the destruction of the socio-economic infrastructure of that country and large numbers of displaced persons, as well as the serious consequences of the most recent drought, namely crop failures and food shortages,

Recognizing that the Sudan continues to require, as a complement to its own efforts, strong and continued international solidarity and humanitarian support to meet the urgent requirements for relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction,

Noting that the food and non-food requirements of Operation Lifeline Sudan are spelt out in the emergency appeal of May 1990 of the United Nations Children's Fund, 4/ the Operation Lifeline Sudan Phase II Background Appeal Document of the Donor Consultation Meeting of 26 March 1990 and the World Food Programme appeal of 20 March 1990,

Noting with appreciation the oral report on progress in the second phase of Operation Lifeline Sudan, made before the Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee at its 1st meeting, on 11 July 1990, by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Emergency and Relief Operations in the Sudan,

1. Expresses its deep gratitude and appreciation to the States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that are providing assistance to the Government and the people of the Sudan in their relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts in the context of Operation Lifeline Sudan;

4/ E/ICEF/624.

2. Expresses its full appreciation to the Secretary-General and the organizations of the United Nations system for the effective resource mobilization, successful co-ordination and support for Operation Lifeline Sudan;

3. Requests the Secretary-General, in close co-operation with the Government of the Sudan, to continue to co-ordinate the efforts of the United Nations system to help the Sudan in its emergency, rehabilitation and reconstruction programmes, to mobilize resources for the implementation of those programmes and to keep the international community informed of the needs of that country;

4. Calls upon all States to continue to contribute generously to the relief and rehabilitation requirements of displaced persons;

5. Further calls upon all States to respond generously to the appeals for immediate food and non-food relief and rehabilitation support made by the United Nations Children's Fund in May 1990, the Government of the Sudan on 26 March 1990 and the World Food Programme on 20 March 1990;

6. Requests the Secretary-General, in the context of his report on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 44/12, for submission to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session, to provide information with special reference to the activities mentioned in the oral report made before the Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee at its 1st meeting, on 11 July 1990, by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Emergency and Relief Operations in the Sudan.

20. The Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee also recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

DRAFT DECISION

Damage caused by torrential rain and flooding in Democratic Yemen and Djibouti

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the note by the Secretariat transmitting resolution WHA 42.15 entitled "Damage caused by torrential rain and flooding in Democratic Yemen and Djibouti", adopted by the forty-second World Health Assembly on 17 May 1989. 5/

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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES BY THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE UNITED NATIONS

Report of the Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee

1. The Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee considered the question of the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations (agenda item 12) at its 3rd, 4th, 8th, 12th, 13th and 18th meetings, on 12, 13, 17, 19 and 24 July 1990. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations (A/45/309);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (E/1990/71/Rev.1);

(c) Report of the President of the Economic and Social Council on consultations held with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and the Chairman of the Special Committee against Apartheid (E/1990/72).

2. At its 3rd and 4th meetings, the Committee held a general discussion on the item. At the 3rd meeting, on 12 July, it heard introductory statements by the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and by the Vice-Chairman of the Special Committee against Apartheid.

3. Also at the 3rd meeting, a statement was made by the representative of Italy (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community). The observer for Palestine made a statement. Statements were also made by the representatives of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the United Nations Development Programme.

4. At the 4th meeting, on 13 July, statements were made by the representatives of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, China, Ghana, Jordan, Yugoslavia and Pakistan and the observers for the Syrian Arab Republic and Egypt. The representative of the World Federation of Trade Unions, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category I, also made a statement.

Assistance to the Palestinian people

5. At the 8th meeting, on 17 July, the observer for Mauritania, on behalf of Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, 1/ Indonesia, Iraq, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mauritania, 1/ Morocco, 1/ Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, the Sudan, 1/ the Syrian Arab Republic, 1/ Tunisia, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and Yemen, 1/ introduced a draft resolution (E/1990/C.3/L.1) entitled "Assistance to the Palestinian people". Subsequently, Jordan, Senegal 1/ and Uganda 1/ joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

6. At the 13th meeting, on 19 July, the Committee adopted the draft resolution by a roll-call vote of 42 to 1, with 1 abstention (see para. 14 below, draft resolution I). The voting was as follows: 2/

In favour: Algeria, Bahamas, Brazil, Burkina Faso, China, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Finland, France, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Portugal, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Sweden, Thailand, Tunisia, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Zambia.

Against: United States of America.

Abstaining: Canada.

7. After the draft resolution was adopted, statements were made by the representatives of Italy (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community), Bulgaria, Sweden, Canada, Finland and New Zealand.

1/ In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

2/ The delegations of Bahrain, Colombia and Ecuador subsequently indicated that, had they been present during the voting, they would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

8. At the 12th meeting, on 19 July, the representatives of Zambia (on behalf of the African States), the Bahamas, Bulgaria, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, the Syrian Arab Republic, 1/ the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and Yugoslavia, introduced a draft resolution (E/1990/C.3/L.9) entitled "Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations", which read as follows:

"The Economic and Social Council,

"Having examined the report of the Secretary-General (A/45/309) and the report of the President of the Economic and Social Council (E/1990/72) concerning the question of the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations,

"Having heard the statements made by the representative of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and by the Vice-Chairman of the Special Committee against Apartheid,

"Recalling General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and all other resolutions adopted by United Nations bodies on this subject, including in particular General Assembly resolution 44/85 of 11 December 1989 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/95 of 26 July 1989,

"Reaffirming the responsibility of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to take all effective measures, within their respective spheres of competence, to assist in the full and speedy implementation of the Declaration and other relevant resolutions of United Nations bodies,

"Noting with satisfaction the attainment of independence by Namibia following the holding of free and fair elections under the supervision and control of the United Nations, and the subsequent admission of independent Namibia as a Member of the United Nations on 23 April 1990,

"Also recalling General Assembly resolution S-16/1 of 14 December 1989, containing the Declaration on Apartheid and its Destructive Consequences in Southern Africa,

"Noting with deep concern that South Africa's practice of apartheid and acts of destabilization against the front-line and neighbouring States continue to present a serious threat to the peace, stability and development of those countries,

"Deeply concerned that the objectives of the Charter of the United Nations and the Declaration have not been fully achieved,

"Bearing in mind the extremely fragile economies of the small island Territories and their vulnerability to natural disasters, such as hurricanes and cyclones, and recalling relevant General Assembly resolutions,

"Deeply conscious of the continuing critical need of the people of Namibia for concrete assistance from the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations,

"Noting with appreciation that assistance has continued to be extended to refugees from southern Africa through the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,

"1. Takes note of the report of the President of the Economic and Social Council, and endorses the observations and suggestions contained therein;

"2. Takes note also of the report of the Secretary-General;

"3. Reaffirms that the recognition by the General Assembly, the Security Council and other United Nations organs of the legitimacy of the aspiration of colonial peoples to exercise their right to self-determination and independence entails, as a corollary, the extension by the United Nations system of organizations of all the necessary moral and material assistance to those peoples;

"4. Expresses its appreciation to those specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system that have continued to co-operate in varying degrees with the United Nations and the regional organizations concerned in the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and other relevant resolutions of United Nations bodies, and urges all the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to contribute to the full and speedy implementation of the relevant provisions of those resolutions;

"5. Recommends that all States intensify their efforts in the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to ensure the full and effective implementation of the Declaration and other related resolutions of the United Nations system;

"6. Requests the specialized agencies and international institutions associated with the United Nations to strengthen existing measures of support and formulate additional programmes of assistance to the remaining Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories within the framework of their respective mandates;

"7. Also requests the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, as well as international and regional organizations, to examine and review conditions in each of the Territories, so as to take due account of the pressing need for increased

transfer of resources to the peoples concerned, and to take appropriate measures within their respective spheres of competence in order to accelerate progress in the economic and social sectors of those Territories;

"8. Welcomes the continued initiative exercised by the United Nations Development Programme in maintaining close liaison among the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, and in co-ordinating the activities of the agencies in extending effective assistance to the peoples of colonial Territories, and calls upon the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, as a matter of urgency, to contribute generously to the relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts in those Non-Self-Governing Territories affected by natural disasters;

"9. Urges the administering Powers concerned to facilitate the participation of the representatives of the Governments of Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories at the relevant meetings and conferences of the agencies and organizations so that the Territories may draw the maximum benefits from the related activities of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system;

"10. Urges the governing bodies of those specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system that have not already done so to include in the agenda of their regular sessions a separate item on the progress made and action to be taken by their organization in the implementation of the Declaration and other relevant resolutions of the United Nations bodies;

"11. Also urges the executive heads of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to formulate, with the active co-operation of the regional organizations concerned, concrete proposals for the full implementation of the relevant United Nations resolutions and to submit the proposals as a matter of priority to their governing and legislative organs;

"12. Further urges the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to adhere to the Programme of Action contained in the Declaration on Apartheid and its Destructive Consequences in Southern Africa, in particular with regard to increased support for the opponents of apartheid, the use of concerted and effective measures aimed at applying pressure to ensure a speedy end to apartheid and ensuring the non-relaxation of existing measures to encourage the South African régime to eradicate apartheid until there is clear evidence of profound and irreversible changes;

"13. Stresses, in the context of the Declaration on Apartheid and its Destructive Consequences in Southern Africa, the need for the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to render all possible assistance to the front-line and neighbouring States to enable them to rebuild their economies, which have been adversely affected by South Africa's acts of aggression and destabilization, to withstand any further such acts and to continue to support the people of South Africa;

"14. Draws the attention of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to the present resolution and to the discussion held on the subject at the second regular session of 1990 of the Economic and Social Council;

"15. Requests the President of the Economic and Social Council to continue to maintain close contact on these matters with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and to report thereon to the Council;

"16. Also requests the President of the Council to maintain contact with the Chairman of the Special Committee against Apartheid, which is the focal point for the international campaign against apartheid, and to report thereon to the Council as appropriate;

"17. Requests the Secretary-General to follow the implementation of the present resolution, with particular attention to co-ordination and integration arrangements for maximizing the efficiency of the assistance activities undertaken by various organizations of the United Nations system, and to report thereon to the Council at its second regular session of 1991;

"18. Decides to keep these questions under continuous review."

9. At the 18th meeting, on 24 July, the Committee had before it a revised draft resolution (E/1990/C.3/L.9/Rev.1).

10. At the same meeting, the representative of Zambia, on behalf of the sponsors, orally revised operative paragraph 7 of the draft resolution by deleting the words "to examine and review conditions in each of the Territories, so as to take due account of the pressing need for increased transfer of resources to the peoples concerned".

11. The representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland made a statement and requested a roll-call vote on the revised draft resolution.

12. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the revised draft resolution by a roll-call vote of 45 to none, with 1 abstention (see para. 14 below, draft resolution II). The voting was as follows: 3/

3/ The delegation of Venezuela subsequently indicated that, had it been present during the voting, it would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

In favour: Algeria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bulgaria, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Canada, China, Colombia, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Ecuador, Finland, France, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Portugal, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Sweden, Thailand, Tunisia, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United States of America, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: None.

Abstaining: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

13. After the draft resolution was adopted, statements were made by the representatives of Italy (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community), the German Democratic Republic, Saudi Arabia, Czechoslovakia and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE THIRD (PROGRAMME AND CO-ORDINATION) COMMITTEE

14. The Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Assistance to the Palestinian people

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 44/235 of 22 December 1989,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/96 of 26 July 1989,

Taking into account the intifada of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory against the Israeli occupation, including its economic and social policies and practices,

Rejecting Israeli restrictions on external economic and social assistance to the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory,

Aware of the increasing need to provide economic and social assistance to the Palestinian people,

Affirming that the Palestinian people cannot develop their national economy as long as the Israeli occupation persists,

1. Takes note of the note by the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people; 4/

4/ E/1990/71/Rev.1

2. Expresses its appreciation to the States, United Nations bodies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that have provided assistance to the Palestinian people;

3. Requests the World Food Programme to provide food assistance to the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory;

4. Requests the international community, the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to sustain and increase their assistance to the Palestinian people, in close co-operation with the Palestine Liberation Organization;

5. Calls for the treatment on a transit basis of Palestinian exports and imports passing through neighbouring ports and points of exit and entry;

6. Also calls for the granting of trade concessions and concrete preferential measures for Palestinian exports on the basis of Palestinian certificates of origin;

7. Further calls for the immediate lifting of Israeli restrictions and obstacles hindering the implementation of assistance projects by the United Nations Development Programme, other United Nations bodies and others providing economic and social assistance to the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory;

8. Reiterates its call for the implementation of development projects in the occupied Palestinian territory, including the projects mentioned in General Assembly resolution 39/223 of 18 December 1984;

9. Calls for facilitating the establishment of Palestinian development banks in the occupied Palestinian territory, with a view to promoting investment, production, employment and income therein;

10. Requests the Secretary-General to report in full to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

The Economic and Social Council,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General 5/ and the report of the President of the Economic and Social Council 6/ concerning the question of the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations,

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5/ A/45/309.

6/ E/1990/72.

Having heard the statements made by the representative of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and by the Vice-Chairman of the Special Committee against Apartheid,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and all other resolutions adopted by United Nations bodies on this subject, including in particular General Assembly resolution 44/85 of 11 December 1989 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/95 of 26 July 1989,

Reaffirming the responsibility of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to take all effective measures, within their respective spheres of competence, to assist in the full and speedy implementation of the Declaration and other relevant resolutions of United Nations bodies,

Noting with satisfaction the attainment of independence by Namibia following the holding of free and fair elections under the supervision and control of the United Nations, and the subsequent admission of independent Namibia as a Member of the United Nations on 23 April 1990,

Also recalling General Assembly resolution S-16/1 of 14 December 1989, containing the Declaration on Apartheid and its Destructive Consequences in Southern Africa,

Noting with deep concern that destabilization by South Africa of the front-line and neighbouring States, whether through direct aggression, sponsorship of surrogates, economic subversion or other means, is unacceptable in all its forms and must not occur,

Recognizing the reality that permament peace and stability in southern Africa can only be achieved when the system of apartheid in South Africa has been eradicated and South Africa has been transformed into a united, democratic and non-racial country, and reiterating, therefore, that all the necessary measures should be adopted at the present time to bring a speedy end to the apartheid system in the interest of all the people of southern Africa, the African continent and the world at large,

Deeply concerned that the objectives of the Charter of the United Nations and the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples have not been fully achieved,

Bearing in mind the extremely fragile economies of the small island Territories and their vulnerability to natural disasters, such as hurricanes and cyclones, and recalling relevant General Assembly resolutions,

Deeply conscious of the continuing critical need of the people of Namibia for concrete assistance from the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations,

Noting with appreciation that assistance has continued to be extended to refugees from southern Africa through the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,

1. Takes note of the report of the President of the Economic and Social Council, and endorses the observations and suggestions contained therein;

2. Takes note also of the report of the Secretary-General;

3. Reaffirms that the recognition by the General Assembly, the Security Council and other United Nations organs of the legitimacy of the aspiration of colonial peoples to exercise their right to self-determination and independence entails, as a corollary, the extension by the United Nations system of organizations of all the necessary moral and material assistance to those peoples;

4. Expresses its appreciation to those specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system that have continued to co-operate in varying forms and degrees with the United Nations and the regional organizations concerned in the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and other relevant resolutions of United Nations bodies, and urges all the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to contribute to the full and speedy implementation of the relevant provisions of those resolutions;

5. Recommends that all States intensify their efforts in the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to ensure the full and effective implementation of the Declaration and other related resolutions of the United Nations system;

6. Requests the specialized agencies and international institutions associated with the United Nations to strengthen existing measures of support and formulate additional programmes of assistance to the remaining Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories within the framework of their respective mandates;

7. Also requests the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, as well as international and regional organizations, to take appropriate measures within their respective spheres of competence in order to accelerate progress in the economic and social sectors of those Territories;

8. Welcomes the continued initiative exercised by the United Nations Development Programme in maintaining close liaison among the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, and in co-ordinating the activities of the agencies in extending effective assistance to the peoples of colonial Territories, and calls upon the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, as a matter of urgency, to contribute generously to the relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts in those Non-Self-Governing Territories affected by natural disasters;

9. Urges the administering Powers concerned to facilitate the participation of the representatives of the Governments of Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories at the relevant meetings and conferences of the agencies and organizations so that the Territories may draw the maximum benefits from the related activities of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system;

10. Urges the governing bodies of those specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system that have not already done so to include in the agenda of their regular sessions a separate item on the progress made and action to be taken by their organization in the implementation of the Declaration and other relevant resolutions of the United Nations bodies;

11. Also urges the executive heads of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to formulate, with the active co-operation of the regional organizations concerned, concrete proposals for the full implementation of the relevant United Nations resolutions and to submit the proposals as a matter of priority to their governing and legislative organs;

12. Further urges the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to adhere to the Programme of Action contained in the Declaration on Apartheid and its Destructive Consequences in Southern Africa, in particular with regard to increased support for the opponents of apartheid, the use of concerted and effective measures aimed at applying pressure to ensure a speedy end to apartheid and ensuring the non-relaxation of existing measures to encourage the South African régime to eradicate apartheid until there is clear evidence of profound and irreversible changes;

13. Stresses, in the context of the Declaration on Apartheid and its Destructive Consequences in Southern Africa, the need for the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to render all possible assistance to the front-line and neighbouring States to enable them to rebuild their economies, which have been adversely affected by South Africa's acts of aggression and destabilization, to withstand any further such acts and to continue to support the people of South Africa;

14. Draws the attention of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to the present resolution and to the discussion held on the subject at the second regular session of 1990 of the Economic and Social Council;

15. Requests the President of the Economic and Social Council to continue to maintain close contact on these matters with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and to report thereon to the Council;

16. Also requests the President of the Council to maintain contact with the Chairman of the Special Committee against Apartheid, which is the focal point for the international campaign against apartheid, and to report thereon to the Council as appropriate;

17. Requests the Secretary-General to follow the implementation of the present resolution, with particular attention to co-ordination and integration arrangements for maximizing the efficiency of the assistance activities undertaken by various organizations of the United Nations system, and to report thereon to the Council at its second regular session of 1991;

18. Decides to keep these questions under continuous review.

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REGIONAL CO-OPERATION

Report of the First (Economic) Committee

1. The First (Economic) Committee considered the question of regional co-operation (agenda item 6) at its 1st to 3rd, 8th and 10th meetings, on 11, 13, 18 and 23 July 1990. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Project RLA/86/002 - Support for the foreign services of Latin America - Mid-term evaluation" (A/43/627) and comments of the Secretary-General on the report (A/45/263);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Evaluation of the regional project RLA/79/031: programme on joint studies on Latin American economic integration (ECIEL)" (A/45/77-E/1990/10) and comments of the Secretary-General on the report (A/45/77/Add.1-E/1990/10/Add.1);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the preparation of the programme for the Second United Nations Transport and Communications Decade in Africa, 1991-2000 (A/45/185-E/1990/48);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (A/45/257-E/1990/61);

(e) Letter dated 9 July 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Albania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/45/338-E/1990/103);

(f) Summary of the Economic Survey of Europe in 1989-1990 (E/1990/51);

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(g) Summary of the economic and social survey of Asia and the Pacific, 1989 (E/1990/52);

(h) Summary of the survey of economic and social conditions in Africa, 1988-1989 (E/1990/53);

(i) Summary of the economic survey of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1989 (E/1990/54);

(j) Summary of the survey of economic and social developments in the region of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia in 1989 (E/1990/56);

(k) Report of the Secretary-General on the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific, 1985-1994 (E/1990/57);

(l) Report of the Secretary-General on regional co-operation (E/1990/84 and Corr.1 and Add.1-4);

(m) Statement submitted by the Inter-Parliamentary Union, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category I (E/1990/NGO/7).

2. At its 1st to 3rd meetings, on 11 and 13 July, the Committee held a general discussion on the item. At the 1st meeting, on 11 July, it heard an introductory statement by the Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and current co-ordinator of the regional commissions. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Italy (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community), China and Japan and the observer for Austria.

3. At the 2nd meeting, on 13 July, statements were made by the representatives of the German Democratic Republic, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Mexico, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Rwanda, Indonesia, Bahrain (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Gulf Co-operation Council), India, Tunisia and Iraq and the observers for Bangladesh, Yemen and Egypt.

4. At the 3rd meeting, on 13 July, statements were made by the representatives of Venezuela, Ghana, Bulgaria, Zambia, Pakistan, the United States of America and Thailand and the observers for Australia, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic and Poland. The representative of the United Nations Development Programme also made a statement.

Recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on regional co-operation

5. Chapter I, section A, of the report of the Secretary-General on regional co-operation (E/1990/84 and Corr.1 and Add.1-4) contained eight recommendations for action by the Council. The Committee held informal consultations on the recommendations.

6. At the 10th meeting, on 23 July, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. George Papadatos (Greece), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations.

Admission of Italy as a member of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and amendment of the terms of reference of the Commission

7. At the 10th meeting, on 23 July, the Committee decided to approve the recommendations (see E/1990/84, para. 1) contained in resolution 504 (XXIII) of 10 May 1990 adopted by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean to admit Italy as a member of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and to authorize the amendment of the first sentence of paragraph 3 (a) of the terms of reference of the Commission to read: "Membership in the Commission shall be open to the Members of the United Nations in North, Central and South America and in the Caribbean area, and to France, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain and the United Kingdom" (see para. 31 below, draft decision I).

Venue of the twenty-fourth session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

8. At the 10th meeting, on 23 July, the Committee decided to approve the recommendation (see E/1990/84, para. 2) contained in resolution 517 (XXIII) of 11 May 1990 adopted by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean that the twenty-fourth session of the Commission be held in Chile in 1992 (see para. 31 below, draft decision II).

Future of the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning

9. At the 10th meeting, on 23 July, the Committee had before it a draft resolution (see E/1990/84, para. 3) entitled "Future of the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning", recommended by the Economic Commission for Africa.

10. The Committee also had before it a statement of the programme budget implications of the draft resolution, submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council (E/1990/84/Add.2).

11. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution (see para. 30 below, draft resolution I).

12. After the draft resolution was adopted, statements were made by the representatives of the United States of America, Italy (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community) and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Improving the technical facilities of the Economic Commission for Africa

13. At the 10th meeting, on 23 July, the Committee adopted a draft resolution (see E/1990/84 and Corr.1, para. 43) entitled "Improving the technical facilities of the Economic Commission for Africa", recommended by the Economic Commission for Africa (see para. 30 below, draft resolution II).

Proposal for interregional co-operation in the area of trade facilitation, and in particular the phased application of the Rules for Electronic Data Interchange for Administration, Commerce and Transport (EDIFACT), whenever appropriate

14. At the 10th meeting, on 23 July, the Committee had before it a draft resolution (see E/1990/84, para. 3) entitled "Proposal for interregional co-operation in the area of trade facilitation, and in particular the phased application of the Rules for Electronic Data Interchange for Administration, Commerce and Transport (EDIFACT) whenever appropriate", recommended by the Economic Commission for Africa.

15. At the same meeting, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Papadatos (Greece), informed the Committee that, during the informal consultations, it had been agreed to revise the draft resolution as follows:

(a) A new preambular paragraph was inserted after the third preambular paragraph, reading:

"Recognizing further the desirability of interregional co-operation among the regional commissions jointly with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in promoting the global application of agreed measures for the facilitation of international trade";

(b) In operative paragraph 1, the words "the implementation by participating African States of" were inserted after the words "Decides to fully support";

(c) Operative paragraph 2, which read "Endorses the proposal and recommends it for funding by donors", was replaced by the following text:

"2. Recommends the proposal for funding by donors";

(d) A new operative paragraph was inserted after operative paragraph 5, reading:

"6. Further requests the Secretary-General to include in his annual report on regional co-operation, to be submitted to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1991, a report on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution, as well as on the further consideration of Council resolution 1989/118 by the regional commissions for Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, Asia and the Pacific and Western Asia".

16. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as revised (see para. 30 below, draft resolution III).

Final review and appraisal of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990

17. At the 10th meeting, on 23 July, the Committee had before it a draft resolution (see E/1990/84, para. 3), entitled "Final review and appraisal of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990", recommended by the Economic Commission for Africa.

18. The Committee also had before it a statement of the programme budget implications of the draft resolution, submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council (E/1990/84/Add.4).

19. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution (see para. 30 below, draft resolution IV).

20. After the draft resolution was adopted, statements were made by the representatives of the United States of America, Italy (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community) and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Transforming and strengthening the Multinational Programming and Operational Centres of the Economic Commission for Africa

21. At the 10th meeting, on 23 July, the Committee adopted a draft resolution (see E/1990/84, para. 3), entitled "Transforming and strengthening the Multinational Programming and Operational Centres of the Economic Commission for Africa", recommended by the Economic Commission for Africa (see para. 30 below, draft resolution V).

22. Statements were made by the representatives of the United States of America, Italy (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community) and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Venue of the forty-seventh session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

23. At the 10th meeting, on 23 July, the Committee decided to approve the decision of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at its forty-sixth session (see E/1990/84/Add.1, para. 1) to hold its forty-seventh session at Seoul, in accordance with paragraph 4 (f) of General Assembly resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985 (see para. 31 below, draft decision III).

Other proposals

Co-operation in fisheries in Africa

24. At the 8th meeting, on 18 July, the observer for Morocco, on behalf of Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, 1/ Egypt, 1/ Ghana, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Morocco, 1/ Senegal 1/ and Tunisia, introduced a draft resolution (E/1990/C.1/L.1) entitled "Co-operation in fisheries in Africa".

25. At the 10th meeting, on 23 July, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Papadatos (Greece), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on the draft resolution.

1/ In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

26. The Secretary of the Committee read out the following revisions to the draft resolution, which had been agreed upon during the informal consultations:

(a) In operative paragraph 3, the words "taking due account of existing international law" were inserted after the words "to propose";

(b) In operative paragraph 5, the words "to support the recommendations" were replaced by the words "to take fully into account these recommendations";

(c) At the end of operative paragraph 8 (c), the words "which do not engage in racial discrimination of any kind" were deleted.

27. The representative of Tunisia made a statement in which he informed the Committee that, in the light of the revisions to the draft resolution, his delegation was withdrawing its sponsorship of the draft resolution.

28. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution E/1990/C.1/L.1, as orally revised (see para. 30 below, draft resolution VI).

Documentation considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with the question of regional co-operation

29. At the 10th meeting, on 23 July, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the Council that it take note of the documents considered in connection with the question of regional co-operation (see para. 31 below, draft decision IV).

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIRST (ECONOMIC) COMMITTEE

30. The First (Economic) Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Future of the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling resolution 669 (XXIV) of the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa on the future funding of the activities of the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning,

Recalling the Special Memorandum of the Governing Council of the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning,

Considering the outstanding record of the Institute in the training of African planners and development specialists,

Considering also the continuing and growing need of African Governments for the services of the Institute in the fields of training, research and advisory services,

Considering further the possibility that the United Nations Development Programme may withdraw its financing of the Institute at the end of 1990 and that the Institute is the only regional institute able to provide training and research services to all States members of the Commission in the area of economic development and planning,

Noting with great distress that the persistent and substantial shortfall in the contributions of member States to the Institute will inevitably force its closure in 1990 if no remedial action is taken,

1. Urgently appeals to the member States of the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning:

(a) To immediately pay to the Institute their contributions for 1990 and their arrears for 1989;

(b) To pay back to the Institute all their remaining arrears according to a schedule to be arranged with the management of the Institute;

(c) To pay their regular annual contribution to the Institute in a timely manner under arrangements to be determined with the management of the Institute;

2. Calls upon the General Assembly, as a matter of urgency, to approve the inclusion of four key posts for the Institute in the United Nations regular budget, namely, the Director, the Chief of Administration and Finance and two senior lecturers, in line with the recommendation contained in Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/62 of 26 July 1985, to enable the Institute to carry out its approved work programme and functions on a continued and sustained basis as stipulated in its Statute;

3. Appeals to the United Nations Development Programme to help the Institute to survive its present financial crisis and, in particular:

(a) To set up quickly the evaluation mission announced in October 1989;

(b) To give its full backing to the short-term training programme and to the research and advisory activities of the Institute;

(c) To continue its support for the activities of the Institute in 1990 and beyond;

4. Commends the Governing Council of the Institute on the decisions taken to rationalize the use of resources and urges the management of the Institute to persevere in that endeavour.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Improving the technical facilities of the Economic Commission for Africa

The Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing the need for providing adequate equipment and training in the region in current information technology,

Concerned about the paucity of up-to-date office automation and computing equipment at the secretariat of the Economic Commission for Africa,

Also concerned about the constraints that such a situation imposes on the Commission to properly assist African member States in enhancing their planning and monitoring capacities,

Urges the Secretary-General of the United Nations to provide the secretariat of the Economic Commission for Africa with the necessary office automation and computing equipment for its optimal functioning and for better service to member States.

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

Proposal for interregional co-operation in the area of trade facilitation, and in particular the phased application of the Rules for Electronic Data Interchange for Administration, Commerce and Transport (EDIFACT), whenever appropriate

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1989/118 of 28 July 1989 on interregional co-operation for facilitation of international trade, in which it invited the regional commissions and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to prepare jointly a project proposal in this field,

Recognizing that African countries need to co-operate effectively with the rest of the world and to participate in international trade facilitation, including the use of electronic data interchange for the transmission of trade documentation,

Conscious of the urgent need in Africa to build up, strengthen and upgrade capacities to identify problems and requirements for the facilitation of international and intra-African trade, including the analysis of practices, procedures, laws, regulations, policies and documentation governing international trade, and that such capacity-building would benefit government ministries and departments concerned with planning, trade, transport, customs administration, statistics and data processing,

Recognizing further the desirability of interregional co-operation among the regional commissions jointly with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in promoting the global application of agreed measures for the facilitation of international trade,

1. Decides to fully support the implementation by participating African States of the project proposal on interregional co-operation for the facilitation of international trade, prepared jointly by the regional commissions and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

2. Recommends the proposal for funding by donors;

3. Invites all States Members of the United Nations to support the project proposal;

4. Requests the United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank, the regional development banks and bilateral donors to provide adequate financing to ensure the full realization of the project;

5. Also requests the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to report to the Commission at its twenty-sixth session on the implementation of the present resolution;

6. Further requests the Secretary-General to include in his annual report on regional co-operation, to be submitted to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1991, a report on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution, as well as on the further consideration of Council resolution 1989/118 by the regional commissions for Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, Asia and the Pacific and Western Asia.

DRAFT RESOLUTION IV

Final review and appraisal of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 43/27 of 18 November 1988, in which the Assembly decided that the final review and appraisal of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990 should be conducted at its forty-sixth session,

Noting with appreciation the reports of the Economic Commission for Africa on the progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action 2/ and on the preparations for the final review and evaluation of the Programme of Action, 3/

Also noting with appreciation the work of the United Nations Steering Committee and the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on the monitoring of the implementation of the Programme of Action,

Convinced that the final review and evaluation of the implementation of the Programme of Action by the General Assembly should be an occasion for an in-depth appraisal of the actions taken by all sides in the implementation of the Programme, as well as of the measures that are needed to sustain accelerated growth and development in Africa beyond 1991,

Convinced also of the need for States members of the Economic Commission for Africa to conduct a thorough assessment of the implementation of the Programme and that such an assessment should be as up-to-date as possible,

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2/ E/ECA/CM.16/4.

3/ E/ECA/CM.16/5.

Concerned about the continuing deterioration in the economic and social conditions in Africa and the possibility of the continuation of such trends in the 1990s,

1. Recommends that mechanisms for the final review and appraisal of the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Recovery and Development 1986-1990 should be similar to those of the mid-term review of the Programme of Action and that for this purpose an ad hoc committee of the whole of the General Assembly should be established to appraise the Programme of Action and to propose measures for sustained development in Africa beyond 1991;

2. Decides that a special memorandum addressed to the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the General Assembly on the review and appraisal of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Recovery and Development 1986-1990 should be prepared by the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa at its seventeenth meeting, in May 1991, and that the draft of the special memorandum should be considered at an intergovernmental expert group meeting to be convened immediately before the meeting of the Technical Preparatory Committee of the Whole and the Conference of Ministers;

3. Invites the Executive Secretary of the Commission to send special multisectoral missions to all States members of the Commission early in the fourth quarter of 1990 to collect up-to-date information on the implementation of the Programme of Action on the basis of which the special memorandum would be prepared;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to make available to the secretariat of the Commission the financial resources required for such special missions on the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action;

5. Urges member States and their development and planning machineries to participate actively in the preparation of the special memorandum.

DRAFT RESOLUTION V

Transforming and strengthening the Multinational Programming and Operational Centres of the Economic Commission for Africa

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling resolution 311 (XIII) of 1 March 1977 of the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa establishing the Multinational Programming and Operational Centres,

Recognizing that, over the years, the Centres have played a vital role in fostering subregional economic co-operation and integration and that the objectives for which they were established are more valid today than they were 13 years ago,

Considering the imperative need for women to participate positively and effectively in the implementation of programmes aimed at their integration in the process of development in each subregion,

Concerned about the poor performance and achievements of the Centres during the past few years, mostly as a result of insufficient financial and human resources and their inadequacy to meet the new tasks that they are to perform towards economic recovery and transformation,

Welcoming General Assembly resolution 43/216 of 21 December 1988, in which the Assembly, having considered the Financial Report and Audited Financial Statements for the biennium ended 31 December 1987 and the Report of the Board of Auditors, 4/ endorsed the recommendation of the Board 5/ and the concurring observation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions 6/ that the achievements of the Multinational Programming and Operational Centres be thoroughly evaluated with a view to deciding whether that experiment should be continued or whether the mandate, number and structure of the Centres should be completely reorganized,

Noting with satisfaction the decision of the Secretary-General to appoint a review team whose mandate would be, inter alia, to examine the structure and organization of the Centres with a view to determining their suitability for the execution of their tasks, taking into account General Assembly resolution 43/216,

Noting that the current distribution and location of the Centres are in keeping with the spirit of the Final Act of Lagos 7/ in terms of the need to promote co-operation and integration within the framework of the subregional economic groupings,

1. Takes note of the report of the Review Team, 8/ in which it is concluded that the structure, organization and operations of the Multinational Programming and Operational Centres of the Economic Commission for Africa should be maintained, transformed and strengthened;

2. Warmly congratulates the Review Team on the thorough and objective manner in which it has carried out its work and for its findings and recommendations thereon;

3. Strongly supports the conclusions of the Review Team that the Centres' institutions should be transformed and strengthened to provide member States with the required technical assistance and advisory services for the execution of their joint projects within the framework of the intergovernmental organizations;

4. Adopts the new mandate of the Centres as proposed by the Review Team;

4/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 5 (A/43/5), vol. I.

5/ Ibid., para. 91.

6/ See A/43/674, para. 13.

7/ See A/S-11/14, annex II.

8/ E/ECA/CM.16/13.

5. Strongly urges the General Assembly to provide the Centres with additional human and financial resources to enable them to respond more effectively to multinational and multisectoral programming requirements based on priorities identified by member States, and to provide immediately a minimum core of such resources;

6. Decides that, given the financial constraints and the need for better co-ordination between the Centres and intergovernmental organizations, the Centres should report directly to the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa through the committees of intergovernmental experts that will be responsible for supervising the activities of the Centres at the subregional level;

7. Urges the General Assembly and donor and technical assistance organizations to provide the Centres with sufficient resources for the formulation and implementation of programmes for the effective participation of women in the development process of their respective subregions;

8. Recommends that the current number and composition of the Centres should be maintained since they fit in with the structure of existing subregional economic groupings; their distribution could, however, be reviewed in future to make for the rational use of available resources and to reflect developments in the subregional economic groupings;

9. Considers the memorandum on the strengthening and transformation of the Centres, submitted by the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa and annexed to the present resolution;

10. Appeals to member States to continue their support and assistance to the Centres through the United Nations Trust Fund for African Development and through any other appropriate means;

11. Urges technical assistance and funding agencies to assist in the implementation of the recommendations of the Review Team regarding the need to provide the Centres with sufficient financial and human resources for the effective execution of their mandate.

ANNEX

Memorandum of the Conference of Ministers of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa on the Report of the Review Team on the Structures, Organization and Operations of the Multinational Programming and Operational Centres

1. This memorandum is submitted in response to General Assembly resolution 43/216 of 21 December 1988 on financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors in which the Assembly endorsed the concurring observations and recommendations of the Board of Auditors and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions with regard to Multinational Programming and Operational Centres. The Assembly called for a thorough evaluation of the achievements of the Centres with a view to deciding whether the experiment should be continued or whether the mandate, number and structures of the Centres should be completely reorganized.

2. Pursuant to the above-mentioned resolution, an independent review team was commissioned by the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa, in collaboration with the United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Administration and Management, with the following terms of reference:

(a) To examine the original mandate of the Centres, 9/ with a view to ascertaining its continued relevance;

(b) To examine the structure and organization of the Centres, with a view to determining their suitability for the execution of their tasks, taking into account the recommendation made in paragraph 91 of the report of the United Nations Board of Auditors; 10/

(c) To review and report on all aspects of management of the Centres;

(d) To examine the adequacy of resources available and make recommendations aimed at strengthening the Centres for a more efficient execution of their mandate;

(e) To investigate the effectiveness of the linkages with the substantive and service organizational units of the Economic Commission for Africa;

(f) To examine any other relevant matters pertaining to the efficient and effective operations of the Centres;

(g) To report not later than 10 March 1989, or as soon as possible thereafter, to the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa and the United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Administration and Management.

3. We wish to express our appreciation to the Secretary-General who, in accordance with our request contained in resolution 659 (XXIV) on the review of the achievements of the Multinational and Operational Centres of the Commission, has enabled us to comment on the report of the review Team. We wish to reiterate that we welcome the decision of the General Assembly on the review and evaluation of the Centres, as we believe that such a review is opportune. Finally we must express our sincere appreciation to the Review Team for the quality of its work and for the recommendations which it has put forward.

4. We wish in this memorandum to comment on these proposals and recommendations of the Review Team so that the General Assembly will have the benefit of our opinion on this matter. Our views have emerged from the extensive debate that took place on the report during our twenty-fifth session and 16th meeting preceded by an equally extensive discussion at the level of our Technical Preparatory Committee of the Whole meetings held in Tripoli, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, from 5 May to 19 May 1990.

9/ See E/ECA/CM.8/26.

10/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 5 (A/43/5), vol. I.

5. In the light of our critical assessment of the proposals of the Review Team, we fully concur with the findings of the Review Team that the objectives and purposes for which the Centres were established are more valid today than they were 13 years ago, considering the socio-economic challenges which will confront the African countries in the 1990s. The member States argue strongly in favour of the maintenance, transformation and strengthening of an institution such as the Centres provided with the additional human, technical and financial resources required for the execution of their joint projects within the framework of the intergovernmental organizations they have established.

6. We recommend that the number and membership of the Centres should be retained, since they correspond to the existing subregional economic groupings. Our Conference will continue to pay the necessary attention to the issue of the subregional distribution of the Centres with a view to ensuring the efficient utilization of available resources and in keeping with the evolution of subregional groupings.

7. We wish to seize this opportunity to express our appreciation to the Centres for the services they have rendered and the role which they have played in supporting member countries' endeavours in promoting subregional and regional economic co-operation and integration in providing technical assistance to intergovernmental organizations in our different subregions. We wish in particular to underline the role of the Centres in the establishment of the Preferential Trade Area for Eastern and Southern Africa and the Economic Community of Central African States, and playing a co-ordinating role among the over 40 intergovernmental organizations in West Africa.

8. We endorse the findings of the Review Team with regard to the relevance of the Centres as an institution to provide technical assistance in our efforts towards subregional groupings and the need to redefine the terms of reference of the Centres in the light of past experiences and the challenges that are ahead. Accordingly we support, as proposed by the Review Team, the following terms of reference:

(a) To provide member States and intergovernmental organizations with technical assistance (advisory services) in project identification, planning and the formulation of multisectoral programmes and projects for execution by the Multinational Programming and Operational Centres in association with intergovernmental organization secretariats and the specialized agencies of the United Nations system;

(b) To provide member States and intergovernmental organizations with short-term advisory services in development planning and to assist in the translation of those plans into multinational and multisectoral programmes and projects, including the identification and formulation of programmes and projects for execution by them or at their request by the Economic Commission for Africa-Subregional Technical Assistance Programmes themselves, in association with the specialized agencies of the United Nations system, as required;

(c) To undertake pre-feasibility and feasibility studies, research on and analyses of priority areas identified by member States and intergovernmental organizations in order to enhance subregional co-operation and integration;

(d) To provide assistance and support in the development of human resources and in organizing training courses, seminars, lectures, workshops and round-tables, and to execute multinational development programmes and projects for socio-economic advancement with a view to strengthening the institutional and organizational capacity of member States;

(e) To develop, in the light of the above, effective working relationships with Governments, intergovernmental organizations, United Nations Development Programme offices and other international organizations, with a view to harmonizing the designing, programming and implementation of technical assistance programmes at the subregional level;

(f) To develop and execute programmes for the more effective participation of women in all aspects of development efforts at the subregional level;

(g) To collect and disseminate, at the subregional level, information and statistical data on macro-economic indicators in member States and to assist them in establishing compatible systems for exchanging information among themselves and with their development partners.

9. The Centres should continue to play the important role of co-ordination among intergovernmental organizations, and they should also contribute to the establishment of the African economic community by undertaking studies for the harmonization and progressive linking of the various subregional economic groupings. They should also contribute to the implementation at the subregional level of strategies contained in global prospective studies carried out by the ECA secretariat.

10. We have realized that the inadequacy of resources has been the major constraint in the ability of the Centres to fulfil their mandate. The build-up in their staff was severely affected by the financial crisis that the United Nations faced during most of the 1980s. Similarly, their operational activities were severely constrained by their lack of resources - financial and human. We are preoccupied by the resulting negative impact on the delivery of the Centres in the past few years. The capacity of the Economic Commission for Africa to decentralize staff and resources to the Centres was stretched to the limit in spite of its own severe resource constraints. We are not therefore surprised that under such circumstances the impact of the Centres began to dwindle.

11. We therefore fully endorse the proposal of the Review Team that the financial and human resources of the Centres be significantly increased as contained in chapter 6 of the evaluation report. We propose that the Centres be provided with cost-effective minimal core staff that will enable them to have an immediate impact on their respective subregions.

12. We do not preclude the possibility of changing the name "Multinational Programming and Operational Centres", and we will keep on reflecting on this possible change in the light of the evolution of their mandate and activities.

13. Finally, we wish to reiterate our firm commitment to the Centres. As in the past, we will continue deploying every possible effort to create the environment necessary to enhance their effectiveness.

DRAFT RESOLUTION VI

Co-operation in fisheries in Africa

The Economic and Social Council,

Aware of the abundant fishery and aquacultural resources of the African continent, particularly with the extension of national jurisdictions in the exclusive economic zones,

Considering the need for African countries to develop inter-State co-operation in order to promote the development of the fishery sector,

Convinced of the determination of African countries to overcome the difficulties they encounter in the development and acquisition of new technologies for the exploitation of fishery resources,

Recognizing the significant contribution that fishing can make to food self-sufficiency, the improvement of nutrition and the diversification of exports,

Considering the dynamism of the Indian Ocean Commission and the shared concerns of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the Economic Commission for Africa and States members of the Indian Ocean Commission regarding multinational co-operation for the development of fishery resources,

Considering that the process set in motion by the ministerial conference on co-operation in fisheries among the African States bordering the Atlantic Ocean, held at Rabat from 30 March to 1 April 1989 encourages the countries of the South to join together in order to promote the fishery sector,

1. Calls upon African States to develop joint research programmes, particularly for the evaluation and monitoring of shared stocks;

2. Further calls upon African States to promote better integration of the fishery and aquaculture sector in their national economies in order to increase its contribution to development;

3. Urges African States to establish an intra-African information network on fishing vessels operating illegally and to propose, taking due account of existing international law, measures to be instituted within the context of a regional legal framework to exclude such vessels;

4. Requests the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the United Nations Development Programme, in association with the Economic Commission for Africa, to assist African countries to establish such a network;

5. Requests the specialized agencies and other United Nations organizations, particularly the United Nations Development Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization, the International Maritime Organization and the Economic Commission for Africa, to take fully into account the recommendations of the ministerial conference on co-operation in fisheries among the African States bordering the Atlantic Ocean, held at Rabat in 1989;

6. Calls upon African States to strengthen their co-operation in the implementation of projects for the management, exploitation and marketing of fishery and aquacultural products at the national, subregional and regional levels;

7. Requests the Economic Commission for Africa, in the interest of greater coherence and efficiency, to do its utmost to ensure the unification of policies in activities concerning inland and ocean fishery resources and the non-living resources of the sea and legal questions relating thereto;

8. Requests Member States:

(a) To make full use of advanced marine training centres in Africa and to strengthen their role;

(b) To promote the exchange of information, to make use of those centres with a view to the development and utilization of a standardized statistical system covering all aspects of fisheries at the subregional level;

(c) To promote the joint negotiation of fishery agreements concerning the high-sea fleets of non-African countries;

(d) To accord greater importance to the development of small-scale fishing whenever possible, because it can be better integrated into the African economy and has a greater capacity for adaptation to the socio-economic requirements of Africa;

(e) To improve the living conditions of African fishermen, particularly in the areas of education and health, which at present hinder development;

(f) To give priority to multinational co-operation in fish marketing and preservation, in order:

(i) To facilitate the access of African products to markets of the North, inter alia, through the provision of market information, through product promotion, and through export infrastructures;

(ii) To attain self-sufficiency in certain fishery resources through the development of intra-African trade, particularly the harmonization of taxation on fishery products;

9. Further requests Member States to promote the development of aquaculture in Africa and, to the extent feasible, pool their national human and financial resources within subregional bodies for applied research;

10. Exhorts Member States to explore the possibility of bringing national entrepreneurs and foreign enterprises together for the establishment of joint ventures on the basis of mutual advantageous co-operation.

31. The First (Economic) Committee also recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decisions:

DRAFT DECISION I

Admission of Italy as a member of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and amendment of the terms of reference of the Commission

The Economic and Social Council decides to approve the admission of Italy as a member of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and to amend the first sentence of paragraph 3 (a) of the terms of reference of the Commission to read: "Membership in the Commission shall be open to the Members of the United Nations in North, Central and South America and in the Caribbean area, and to France, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain and the United Kingdom".

DRAFT DECISION II

Venue of the twenty-fourth session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

The Economic and Social Council decides that the twenty-fourth session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean shall be held in Chile in 1992.

DRAFT DECISION III

Venue of the forty-seventh session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

The Economic and Social Council decides that the forty-seventh session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific shall be held at Seoul in accordance with paragraph 4 (f) of General Assembly resolution 40/243.

DRAFT DECISION IV

Documentation considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with the question of regional co-operation

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Evaluation of the regional project RLA/79/031: Programme on joint studies on Latin American economic integration (ECIEL)" (A/45/77-E/1990/10) and comments of the Secretary-General thereon (A/45/77/Add.1-E/1990/10/Add.1);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the preparation of the programme for the Second United Nations Transport and Communications Decade in Africa, 1991-2000 (A/45/185-E/1990/48);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (A/45/257-E/1990/61);

(d) Comments of the Secretary-General on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Project RLA/86/002 - Support for the foreign services of Latin America - Mid-term evaluation" (A/45/263);

(e) Report of the Secretary-General on the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific, 1985-1994 (E/1990/57);

(f) Report of the Secretary-General on regional co-operation (E/1990/84 and Corr.1 and Add.1-4).